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The newspaper cited one example of the reduction in the number of staff personnel. Where formerly the All-Union State Sanitation Inspectorate and the Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration existed separately, they had, between them, 17 structural subdivisions and 125 staff members. Now, following the reorganization, only the Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration remains, with its 9 structural subdivisions and 105 workers.(1)

The reorganization apparently took place during the first week of November 1954, judging by the order of the Ministry appointing V. M. Zhdanov head of the new Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration. The order (No 224) was signed 4 November 1954.(2)

STRUCTURE OF THE MINISTRY

[Comment: The previous structure of the ministry, as presented in FDD Summary No 460, has been used as the basis for this report; only changes and amendments have been noted.

An asterisk (*) denotes those units of the ministry which, though not specifically mentioned in articles dealing with the recent reorganization, are still believed to be part of the ministry.]

A. Collegium and Chief Medical Officers

1. Collegium

Deputy Minister and member of the Collegium: Viktor Mikhaylovich Zhdanov

Zhdanov was appointed Deputy Minister and Chief State Sanitation Inspector (3), and head of the new Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration. (2) He replaces T. Ye. Boldyrev as Chief State Sanitation Inspector.(4)

2. Chief Medical Officers

a. Chief [Obstetrician and] Gynecologist: I. F. Zhordaniya (5)

Zhordaniya replaces P. A. Beloshapko.(6)

b. Chief Hematologist: A. A. Bagdasarov.(5)

B. Scientific Medical Council

1. Components

a. Committee on Pharmacology

Chairman: G. N. Pershin (5)

Pershin replaces P. L. Senov as chairman (7); Senov, however, continues in his post as editor of Aptechnoye Delo (Pharmaceutics).(8)

b. Committee on Hygiene

Chairman: A. N. Sysin.(9)

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2. Officials

An article in Vestnik Akademii Meditsinskikh Nauk SSSR (Herald of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR) identified the following as members of the Presidium of the Scientific Medical Council:

a. I. G. Kochergin.(5)

Kochergin is chairman of the Scientific Medical Council.(10)

b. I. G. Rufanov.(5)

Rufanov is a deputy chairman of the Scientific Medical Council.(7)

c. K. V. Bunin.(5)

d. V. A. Yaroslavskiy.(5)

C. All-Union State Sanitation Inspectorate

The Inspectorate was merged with the Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration (g. v.) in the November 1954 reorganization. V. M. Zhdanov, head of the Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration (2), also became Chief State Sanitary Inspector.(3)

D. Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration

An article on the ministerial reorganization stated that the main administration now has 9 structural subdivisions and 105 workers.(1)

1. Components

a. [Sanitation Administration?]

- (1) Division of Hygiene of Populated Points
- (2) Division of Hygiene of Industrial Enterprises
- (3) Division of Nutritional Hygiene
- (4) Division of Sanitation (Health) Education

b. [Antiepidemic Administration?]

- (1) Epidemiological Division
- (2) Division of Vaccine and Sera Institutes
- (3) Division of Especially Dangerous Infections (2)

2. Officials

a. Chief of the Main Administration: Viktor Mikhaylovich Zhdanov.(2)

b. Deputy Chief: A. N. Meshalov.(5)

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E. Main Administration of Therapeutic and Prophylactic Aid

Head of the Main Administration: [Mikhail Vasil'yevich] Khomutov.(11)

Khomutov was Minister of Health Moldavian SSR prior to his appointment as Deputy Minister of Health USSR, in March 1954.(12)

F. Main Administration of Urban Therapeutic and Prophylactic Institutions

This main administration was last identified in April 1953.(13) It was not included in the list of main administrations created in the November 1954 reorganization of the ministry.(1) No references to it have since appeared. It may possibly have been reduced to an administration under the Main Administration of Therapeutic and Prophylactic Aid.

G. Main Administration of Therapeutic and Prophylactic Aid to Children and Mothers

Now the Administration of Therapeutic and Prophylactic Aid to Children and Mothers (see below).

H. Main Maritime and River Fleet Medical Administration (1)I. Main Air Transport Medical Administration*J. Main Administration of Health Resorts and Sanatoria

An article published in the 17 March 1955 issue of Izvestiya criticized the "overloaded" apparatus of the four administrations under the main administration which are responsible for managing the health resorts located in Mineral'nyye Vody in the Caucasus. The 27 sanatoria, with a capacity of 4,665 beds, are served by the 150 workers of the four administrations; in addition, the article pointed out, each of the administrations has its own supply and health-resort offices, which employ another 130 persons. The article complained that this overload is costing the government hundreds of thousands of rubles monthly.

Written by an inspector of the Kislovodsk City Finance Section, the article stated that in August 1954 finance offices of Stavropol'skiy Kray suggested that the four health resort administrations could be consolidated without impairing their functions. Though such a consolidation could save the government over 1,500,000 rubles a year in salaries alone, the article maintained, the Central Staff Administration of the Ministry of Finance USSR refuses to carry it out because the Ministry of Health USSR "does not support the proposal."(14)

K. GUUZ (Main Administration of Educational Institutions)

An article in Sovetskaya Meditsina (Soviet Medicine) announced the formation of a new Council on Teaching Methods under the main administration. The council, under the chairmanship of Prof G. Ye. Ostroverkhov [head of the main administration], is to restudy the curricula and programs of medical, stomatological, and pharmaceutical institutes.(15)

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L. Main Administration of the Medical Industry

The main administration was abolished in the recent reorganization of the ministry, and was replaced by the Main Administrations of the Chemicopharmaceutical Industry and of the Medical Instrument Industry.(1)

The main administration had existed as the Ministry of the Medical Industry from 14 June 1946 (16) to 1 March 1948, when it was established as a main administration under the Ministry of Health USSR.(17) In April 1951, the Main Administration of the Medical Industry was abolished and the Main Administrations of the Chemicopharmaceutical Industry, of Antibiotic Production, of the Medical Instrument Industry, and of Medical Glass (Apparatus) Production were organized.(18)

The Main Administration of the Medical Industry is believed to have been set up again in March 1953 during the ministerial reorganizations which followed the death of Stalin. A March 1954 list of awards to workers of the main administration identified the heads of the former Main Administrations of the Chemicopharmaceutical Industry and of the Medical Instrument Industry as heads of administrations under the Main Administrations of the Medical Industry.(19)

M. Main Administration of the Chemicopharmaceutical Industry

The main administration was one of two new main administrations established when the Main Administration of the Medical Industry was abolished in November 1954.(1)

N. Main Administration of the Medical Instrument Industry

The main administration was one of two main administrations set up when the Main Administration of the Medical Industry was abolished in November 1954.(1)

O. Glavstroy (Main Administration for Construction) (1)P. Glavsnab (Main Supply Administration) (1)Q. Glavurs (Main Administration of Workers' Supplies)*R. GAPU (Main Pharmaceutical Administration) (1)S. Administration of Therapeutic and Prophylactic Aid to Children and Mothers

This administration was identified as a main administration in 1954 (20), although references in sources published in 1952 (21) and 1953 (13) mentioned only an Administration of Therapeutic and Prophylactic Aid to Children and Mothers.

An article on the November 1954 changes in the structure of the Ministry lists it as an administration and as one of the ministry's structural subdivisions.(1)

A recent article, critical of the administration and its head, [L. V.] Grechishnikova, states that the administration has a staff of 26 workers.(22)

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T. Cadres Administration*U. Capital Construction Administration (1)V. Economic Administration*W. Fourth Administration

The Fourth Administration announced the death of its senior consultant, Prof Dmitriy Mikhaylovich Rossiyskiy, on 7 February 1955 (23), and of Sergey Dmitriyevich Shumov, scientific director of the administration's Polyclinic No 2, on 21 February 1955.(24)

X. Planning and Finance Administration*Y. Sanitation [Health] Education Division

The Division is now part of the Main Sanitation and Antiepidemic Administration.(2)

Z. Medical Statistics Division*AA. Division of the Chief Mechanic and Power Engineer*BB. Engineering (Tekhnicheskii) Division of the Medical Industry

An article on the November 1954 changes in the structure of the ministry lists the division as one of the ministry's structural subdivisions.(1)

CC. Division of Control Over Production Quality, Weights, and Measuring Instruments

This Division was erroneously identified in FDD Summary No 460 as two separate divisions, the Division of Quality Production Control and the Division of Measures and Measuring Instruments. An article on the November 1954 changes lists the two divisions as one, and identifies it as one of the ministry's structural subdivisions.(1)

DD. Division of Control Over the Introduction of New Suggestions Through Inventions and Improvements*EE. Legal Division

The division is now part of the Office of the Ministry.(1)

FF. Technical Council*

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GG. Inspection Under the Minister*HH. Arbitration

The Arbitration [Board?] is now part of the Office of the Ministry.(1)

II. Foreign Information Branch*JJ. Central Design Bureau*KK. Complaint Bureau*LL. Office of the Ministry

An editorial commenting on the changes in the structure of the ministry, stated that, prior to reorganization, there existed an office, secretariat, legal division and arbitration [board?], but that these four units had now been merged into one -- the Office of the Ministry.(1)

MM. Giprozdrav (Central Institute for the Planning of Health Institutions)

Deputy Chief Engineer: M. Morozov.(25)

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